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## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
JAMES T. BYERS

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Serial No.: 09/982,385

Examiner: BRADLEY B. BAYAT

Filed: October 17, 2001

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 13, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2005 for which the three-month date for response is January 13, 2005.

A request for a 3-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This 3-month extension will bring the due date to April 13, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R.

§§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/9000.01300.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.